



BVI Prayer Card Fall '09

Why not cut this out and place it in your Bible?

Sunday

- Pray that many children and adults alike will come to a saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ through the use of BVI materials.
- Pray for spiritual growth and encouragement for the BVI staff, Board, volunteers and their families as they fellowship at their various churches.

Monday

- Pray for Melody, Yuko and Patti as they process requests for BVI materials.
- Pray for Wanda as she continues to work on the Creole translations of the Visualized Bible.
- Pray for Yuko as she organizes clip art for BVI's next CD.

Tuesday

- Pray for safety as the staff commutes to/from the office and ministry opportunities.
- Pray for continued increased traffic on BVI's new Web site.
- Pray for BVI to be good stewards of our time and resources during these difficult economic times.

Wednesday

- Pray for protection of the BVI building from vandalism and weather hazards.
- Pray for the development of correlated materials for the interactive CDs for several BVI stories.

Thursday

- Pray for safe delivery of materials shipped out on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Pray that sales flyers and e-mail ads will draw needed sales.

Friday

- Pray for the finalization of content for the *Adventures of the Chinese World* interactive CD.
- Continue to pray for the work being done on the Native American volume.
- Pray that God will provide more donors to the BVI ministry as well as for Melody, Yuko and Patti's personal support.

Saturday

- Pray for the planning of BVI's 50th Anniversary banquet to be held October 24, 2009.
- Pray for the BVI Board as they continue to direct the ministry, that the Lord would guide them in decision making and goal setting.

Join BVI's Electronic Prayer Chain

Would you like to receive prayer requests/praise updates via e-mail? They are sent out every month or two. Please e-mail us at info@biblevisuals.org, to be included on this list. Please note that BVI is committed to protecting your privacy. We **DO NOT** sell, rent or share your address information with **ANY** other organization. You can also check out BVI's Prayer Closet on our Web site.

Translation Updates

While home from the field, longtime missionary to Haiti, Wanda F., has been finalizing the translations of BVI's New Testament Bible lessons into Creole, a mammoth job. Then she carefully types them into the computer and has the manuscript proofread by Creole-speaking church leaders.



Melody shows printed BVI volumes; Wanda holds a computer printout and Patti has the original handwritten manuscript.

Other Current Projects:

Amharic: *Exploring God's Word* by Bekele G.

Mandarin: Various Visualized Bible volumes by Nancy L.

Mongolian: *NT Intro Volume* by missionary Daniel E.

Spanish: *NT Volume 25* by missionary Kenneth K.

Spanish: *Forever Changed by the Book*, missionary Roy J.

Production Department News

by Patti Pope



Thanks for a job well done!

Now at the Printer!!

Debby Saint finished her beautiful artwork for *Walking God's Trail* in July. Bryan Willoughby finalized the story text, correlated activities and review questions. We hope to have this volume "hot off the press" in time for its dedication at our 50th Anniversary Celebration Banquet.

Waiting for Funds to Print:

Doming, the Popsicle Boy; Praying Hyde; Whiter than Snow

Works in Progress:

Walking Umbrella/Antonio: Colorization by Melody is progressing.

Blessed Be the Name: Former staff artist Linda McInturff is working on the new illustrations for this popular hymn.

Pilgrim's Progress: Yuko is working with volunteer Nancy Geltmacher to finalize the colorization on this volume.

Princess Little Feather/God's Warrior: Yuko is continues the colorization of the illustrations while Bryan Willoughby is working on the story and teaching materials.

Miracle for Samuelito, Praying Hyde and Secret in the Woods: The staff is developing materials/graphics for correlated interactive CDs.

Adventures in the Chinese World CD: Patti is typesetting materials organized and edited by freelance writer Diane Bailey.



Mark, BVI's freelance IT wizard, has several major projects on his to-do list beside overseeing our computer network from week to week:

- compiling graphics and visuals for the video that will be presented at our 50th Anniversary banquet
- programming the interactive CD interface for *Ly Huy's Escape*
- creating a user-friendly interface for newly installed database software to bring our mailing list into the 21st century



Intercessor

A Word from the President

On October 24, Bible Visuals International will host our 50th Anniversary Celebration Banquet at the Lancaster Evangelical Free Church. We trust you will be able to join us, where as a corporate body we will thank the Lord for His provision and blessing through the years and for His constant presence in this ministry. It is only through your faithful prayers and support that the work continues.



As I began to think about the history of Bible Visuals, it came to mind that the world in which we live has changed drastically. When Helen Odenwelder put her vision into action and began the BVI ministry 50 years ago, people were receptive to the Gospel message, prayer and Scripture reading began the day in public schools and courtrooms displayed the Ten Commandments. Today, an ungodly world thinks God is on trial as we have removed Him from our national life.

When Jesus Christ, the Son of God, lived among the people, He turned water into wine, cast out demons, healed the sick and yes, even raised the dead. Yet the religious elite and the educated of the day cried out, "Crucify Him, Crucify Him!"

As they did, the sun hid its face, the earth trembled and the veil in the temple was rent in two. Among those startling events, an unlearned thief on his own cross found eternal life. A disciplined Roman guard was wise enough to come to his own conclusion and declared, "Truly this is the Son of God."

In this present day we still hear the cry "Crucify Him, Crucify Him!" Learned men, women and institutions of higher learning declare there is no God and that we are the gods. That man was not created by God, we just evolved. That there is no eternity and judgment: at death, we just fade away. Sadly, liberal clergymen of all faiths unite to defy the very God they claim to represent. But God declares, "It is appointed unto man once to die, but after this the judgment." (Hebrews 9:27)

As man continues to rebel, who is there among us who does not believe that if time continues, he or she will not die? Since the first part of God's declaration is a given, what makes sinful man think that God will not fulfill the second—"but after this the judgment"?


It is my personal opinion that, as the world continues to spin out of control, we are approaching the climax of history. An unknown politician with a gifted tongue becomes known worldwide within months; the world economic system is under extreme pressure and total collapse nears; nations of the world pressure Israel to give up land for "peace"; born again Christians are hauled into court for mentioning the name of Christ and while we condemn, rightfully so, the murder of millions in the name of religion, we close our eyes to the fact that millions of helpless babies have met cruel and evil deaths under the slogan of "Right to Choose."

Among this chaos, BVI, with God's help, will continue to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We trust that you will join with us as we continue to invite people—especially children—to the Saviour.

In Christ Alone,
 Mike Battaglia

50 years of WALKING GOD'S TRAIL

True to the Word • Truth to the World 1959-2009




Bible Visuals International Celebrates 50 Years of Service!

by Melody Mayer

In 1959, Helen Odenwelder along with the Board of Directors of Child Evangelism Fellowship of Eastern PA began a publication ministry that would become Bible Visuals International. Their goal was to publish flash card booklets that illustrate hymns, stories, and Bible lessons, teaching boys and girls Bible doctrine and Christian truths.

In the 50 years that followed, many men and women have served in a variety of capacities at Bible Visuals International. For example, Karen Weitzel gave 33 years to the organization and served 19 years as the Director. Because these men and women were obedient as they walked God's trail, they were able to accomplish many things in preparing visualized teaching materials to reach boys and girls for Christ around the world.

On October 24, we will take time to celebrate these 50 years of walking God's trail at our Annual Missions Banquet. Diane Susek will share special music and Bevan Greiner will visit with his friend Julius, bringing humor to the evening. Included in the program is a video that celebrates the past 50 years of BVI's history. We will also dedicate our newest visualized flash card mission's story: *Walking God's Trail: The Story of Steve Saint's Return*.



Are you coming to BVI's 50th Anniversary Celebration Banquet?

The date has been set for BVI's 50th Anniversary Celebration Banquet, to be held on October 24, 2009, at the Lancaster Evangelical Free Church in Lititz. If you live in, or are going to be visiting the Lancaster County, PA, area, why not come . . . join with us as we celebrate God's faithfulness over the past 50 years. Call the BVI office at (717) 859-1131 for more information or to request an invitation. Reservations are required and must be made by October 8, 2009.

Ministry Department News

by Yuko Willoughby

On June 7, Bryan and I were invited to do a Bible lesson on Esther for the children at Reinholds United Zion Church. Since we were there a little early, we joined the Sunday school for adults. During that time, we wondered where we would be meeting. Then we read the bulletin and looked at each other. "Are we doing the Bible lesson during the morning church service?"



Even though it was unexpected, things went very smoothly. Yuko introduced about BVI and Bryan took 45 minutes to tell the Esther story to the kids sitting toward the front and the whole congregation. After the service, we were able to shake hands and greet everyone. It was encouraging to hear a lady say "It was wonderful to hear the story of Esther with children." On the way home, we decided to celebrate Bryan's first preaching experience by going out to lunch.